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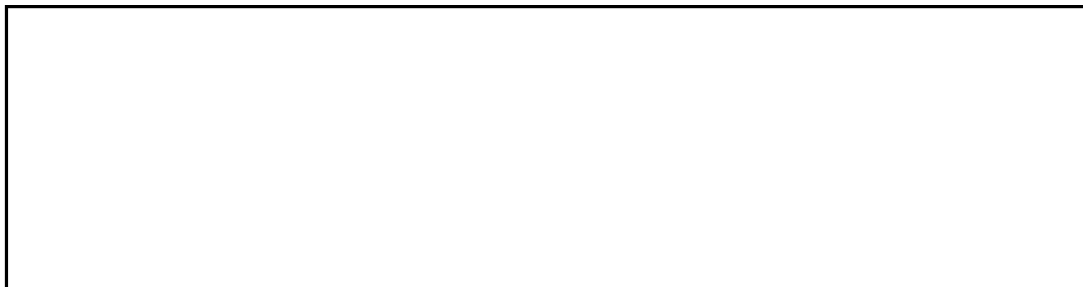
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10 May 1968

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Robert Michaels, Staff Assistant,  
CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations, Re  
Agency Budget Briefing**

1. Today Mr. John Clarke and I met with Mr. Robert Michaels to review plans and identify problems regarding the upcoming Agency budget briefing. The chief points raised by Mr. Michaels were the following:



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b. Representative Lipscomb is particularly interested in R&D projects and in external research programs, and may question us on these subjects.

Lipscomb is also actively interested in shipping going into Asiatic communist ports, especially North Vietnam, and may query us on this.

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c. In examining the problem of a new generation of high performance U.S. military aircraft, the Committee is interested in learning anything it can from the Agency regarding such questions as the fabrication and welding of air frames made of titanium and other heat resistant metals. We said we had someone who was fairly competent in this field who would be glad to discuss it with Mr. Michaels at his convenience.

d. We should be prepared to respond to the question of where we would apply the knife if we were forced to take cuts of \$10-, \$15-, or \$20 million.

e. One question might concern the effects, from the community standpoint, of a possible 25% cut in NSA funds.

f. Another question might concern the effects on Agency operations, and on the intelligence community generally, of the  reductions.

2. Mr. Michaels said the briefing would not be scheduled before Friday, 17 May, and quite possibly would be delayed until the following week.

3. Follow-up items.

a. Colonel White wants us to check with Mr. Michaels on Tuesday morning (14 May) to try to nail down the date for the briefing.

b. We will remind Mr. Michaels that we can provide a specialist to discuss the problem of fabrication of heat resistant metals at his convenience.

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**JOHN M. MAURY**  
Legislative Counsel

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Mr. John Clarke

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** Meetings with William Woodruff of Senate Appropriations and Robert Michaels of House Appropriations Concerning the McNamara-Tidemand Agreement of January 1968

**REFERENCE:** 7 May Memo for the Record Entitled "McNamara-Tidemand Agreement of January 1968" signed by

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1. I met with Mr. William Woodruff who advised that after being briefed by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he had briefed Senators Russell and Young on the matter.

He received the approval of both Senators. Mr. Mahon and Mr. Michaels were briefed by [REDACTED]

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(sp?). Although many questions were presented, it was felt by the Chairman that this follow-on agreement of an additional [REDACTED] was so closely related to the original agreement of April 1967 that no objection would be taken.

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2. In checking with Mr. John Clarke, after meeting with Woodruff and Michaels, it was ascertained that action had been taken by the Agency Finance Division and the money transmitted on the strength of the 7 May memorandum from [REDACTED]

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Mr. James M. Frey  
Office of Assistant Director  
for Legislative Reference  
Bureau of the Budget  
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Frey:

This is in response to your letter dated 23 April 1968 requesting comments from the Central Intelligence Agency on the Treasury draft bill "To authorize Federal agencies, including the Army, Navy, and Air Force, to assist the Secret Service in the performance of its protective duties, and for other purposes."

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If the proposed legislation is deemed sufficient to provide protection from personal liability to Agency employees made available to the Secret Service under the terms of the proposed legislation, the Agency does not suggest any further amendment.

Sincerely,

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